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## NO LONGER MIGHTY

I only spoke to him once. A brief meeting at the Coliseum last year when the Dodgers hosted the Yankees in an exhibition game. Up until that time the name of Mickey Mantle was to me what it was to millions of fans around the country.

Mickey didn't play that day. He was hurt and Casey decided not to waste him in a game of this nature.

However, Mantle and the Los Angeles sports writers got a few minutes together and by the end of the press conference most every scribe felt that they had just finished talking to an ex-great of the game of baseball. For you see Mickey was more interested in telling us about his newly acquired bowling lanes than chatting about the game that bought fame to him.

We all felt that this was a business and financial type of interview rather than one concerned with the national pastime.

This episode I recall now because of the recent publicity about Mickey Mantle. The reported incident that had youngsters swinging at him and Mickey taking a poke at one of them. Never had I ever seen, heard or read of a big-league ballplayer getting involved with youngsters in this way.

### Pressure No Excuse

Perhaps Mickey's batting average and the way the Yankees were going put too much pressure on him and forced him to explode. Whatever the reason its a damn poor one for youngsters who are the very core of baseball.

It doesn't take too much to establish one's self as a hero to kids. A well-hit homer, a good pitching chore, a daring catch, or maybe just being an all-around player will get you admiration from the nation's youngsters. They are followers and believers of what ever they see in their baseball hero. Kids are baseball whatever way you approach the game.

What Mantle did two weeks ago in New York is not conducive to the best interests of the game. If Mickey is finding his outside activities too difficult and his baseball fortunes dependent on a weak bat then let him leave the game.

I don't think anyone will miss him. Certainly not the Yankees. And perhaps the youngsters can find a hero more representative of the game than a hot-head who had to take his anger at the expense of the younger set.

### Coliseum Jottings

When STAN "THE MAN" MUSIAL was taking a few batting licks prior to the game between the Dodgers and Cards he spotted DUKE SNIDER nearby and asked No. 4 where No. 6 was. Without thinking DUKE looked around then replied "I don't know." STAN was asking about CARL FURILLO who had broken company with the Dodgers some weeks before . . . BAVASIS statement, "As Duke goes, so goes the Dodgers," is beginning to sound reasonable. Since BUZZIE spoke the words the Duke pitched in with homers and hits. I guess he don't want his boss labeled a fibber . . . Seated behind the back-stop behind home plate during one of the games which witnessed the Dodgers in one of their worst games I felt a gloom that made me wish I had paid for a seat up in the stands. A succession of five Dodger hurlers walked right past me, enroute to the club house, with faces of dejection. They had all been blasted. They had no friends and didn't wish to make any. One word from me or from one of the writers or photographers nearby would have cost us a broken jaw, I'm sure. Yet, it's different the next day. The same pitchers, the same hitters come out to the field and prior to the game you get the feeling that nothing happened yesterday. That's baseball . . .

# Kids' Rough it' With YMCA at Sierras



COMING OF THE SPORTING SEASON is symbolized by this photo of YMCA layman Leo Radford with his trout taken in the Sierras where McGee and Convict Creeks merge. Leo rates this spot as the prime stream fishing area in California. Young anglers from the Torrance YMCA are Allen Brown and Chris Iwai.



CHRIS IWAI, son of Henry M. Iwai, 24813 Cypress, Lomita, demonstrates his prize-winning catch at a recent Torrance YMA Sierra outing. Despite his size, Chris is a mighty sportsman. On recent week-ends he (1) outfished all but one of 16 adult members of the Torrance Y's Men's Club, (2) hiked nearly to the summit of Telegraph Peak during a rainstorm, and (3) celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary in a snow storm at the 12,000-foot level of Mt. Whitney. He didn't reach the summit but he climbed as high as any adult member of the local "Y" outdoorsmen. Chris is also an active member of the Cocopah Y-Indian Guide Tribe along with his dad.

# Adventures Awaiting Youngsters

## Dime-A-Dip Set for Saturday by Little League

The Torrance National Little League will hold a dime-a-dip dinner at Torrance Park, Saturday, June 11 at 6 p.m., it was announced today by the loop's publicity chairman W. J. Nesenson. According to Nesenson, the proceeds from the event will be used to help cover expenses necessary to keep two hundred twenty five boys playing baseball. League parents, families, friends and the public is invited to attend. The menu will be tasty and varied.

## Roans in First Place

The Harbor Savings Roans opened the second half of the Pacific-Riviera Pony League by winning both starts over the weekend to go into first place in the standings. They defeated the Colts 14-2 as John Jelinski spun a four hitter while striking out nine men and overcoming a seven run lead of the Wranglers to win 8-7. Dave Ledford hit two homers, one in the fourth and one in the sixth inning. Lowell Mondragon also homered for the Roans. Bill Hoeker collected a four bagger for the Wranglers. Hayden Lee Broncos swamped Lesser's Mustangs 12-0 as Jack Dozier pitched a five inning no hitter and John Minech homered but ran in to a red hot Pinto team and went down to defeat 11-5. Ray Allen struck out 15 men and allowed but one hit but wildness with walks gave up five runs. Rebounding from their defeat by the Broncos, the Mustangs defeated the Colts 14-1 and the Wranglers defeated the Pintos 9-8 by virtue of a grand slam home run by Lanny Robke.

By Joe Wilcox

Executive Secretary, Torrance YMCA. The impatient waiting is almost over, and summer is really in progress as of 6 a.m. Saturday morning when the first of twelve Torrance YMCA camps depart for holiday adventures. Twenty-five boys and eight counselors will visit Bryce, Zion and Grand Canyon on a nine-day camping excursion. Their major activities will be sight-seeing, hiking, and swimming. During the long trek the men and boys will have a chance to backpack from one rim to the other via Phantom Ranch in the Grand Canyon. Others in the group will visit Navajo Indians in Northern Arizona. On Sunday, June 12, the second Torrance "Y" group will depart for a High Sierra base camp in Jackass Meadows near Florence Lake. U.S. Marine Stanley Ellis will accompany this group to teach youngsters outdoor skills from fire-building to survival techniques. The primary activities will be fishing, visiting groves of Redwoods, hiking to back country lakes, swimming and singing around nightly campfires. Next on the busy YMCA summer schedule is a Grand Teton Tour for boys 13 and older. This two week trip will include mountaineering, viewing big game in refuges, boating, hiking through the Rockies of Wyoming, and a visit to Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone. The group will camp along the Snake

River, Jackson Lake, Idaho Falls and at Craters of the Moon.

Torrance girls are also invited to attend local YMCA camps and caravans. From July 16 to 23, girls 12 and older may travel up the coast to Santa Barbara, San Simco, Big Sur redwoods, Carmel, Monterey and finally to Yosemite National Park.

Younger boys and girls from Torrance, Lomita and Riviera may go to YMCA Camps Round Meadow or Mozumdar from Aug. 6 to 13. During that week, kids from 9 to 12 will swim, shoot bows and arrows, construct nature crafts, ride horses, hike along deer trails and enjoy a full eight days of outdoor adventure. Both camps will be directed by the local professional staff.

Two backpack hikes are slated for boys 14 and older along sections of the John Muir Trail in the High Sierras. On each trip the boys will go on their own steam for a firsthand view of the scenic grandeur of the great wilderness region.

Boys and girls have now sold over 800 cases of peanuts in order to help earn their own way to YMCA camp. In addition, some children have already received campership grants from the Torrance Lion's Club to enable them to spend a memorable vacation in the mountains with the "Y."

Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, Chairman of the YMCA Camp

Committee, announced that additional staff members have been appointed for the heavy camping and recreation schedule: Penny Thomas and Fred Griffin have been named to direct the YMCA Trampoline and Tumbling Classes; Jack Breglio, Clemens Rybacki and Douglas Hoffman were named to the older boys' camp staff. In addition, more than 70 volunteer group leaders are com-

pleting six weeks of intensive training to prepare for leadership of seven youngsters this summer. Alpha Renz, Paul Slyh, Doug Cannon and Joe Wilcox will also carry heavy assignments during the busy summer program of camps, caravans, park trips, clubs, and leadership conferences. Information about Torrance YMCA camps may be obtained by calling FAirfax 8-1272.

## Playoff Tonight in Slo-Pitch Ball

By Norman Fazekas Special to the Torrance Press. WALTERIA Park, Crenshaw at Pacific Coast Highway, will be the scene of a four-way playoff tonight when the leaders of the popular slo-pitch league tangle in two games.

In the first encounter the Torrance Merchants square-off against the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Headed by manager Eddy Raphael the Merchants hope to start a powerful lineup against the equally dangerous Kiwanis. The Randall brothers, home run leaders, will bat back to back in the 3rd and 4th slots.

The Merchants are favored in this one mostly because of barber Dave Harbism who

really wants to clip the Torrance Kiwanis.

In the second game, which will start at 8:30, the Walteria Kiwanis will oppose the Elks Club. Both aggregations tied with a 3-1 record.

## BABE RUTH DINNER FETE

The Women's Auxiliary of the Torrance Babe Ruth League will hold a dime-a-dip dinner at Torrance Park Saturday June 18 at 6 p.m. it was announced today by Mrs. Foster Kelly, president.

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